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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0279

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SUBJ: ANTI-AMERICAN PRESS PLAY IN ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0263 AND PREVIOUS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: JAN 18 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED
LETTER TO EDITOR SIGNED BY ETHIOPIANS FOR DEFENSE OF
REVOLUTION IN AMERICA (EDRA). LETTER CHARGED US AND
SPECIFICALLY CIA WITH RECRUITING AND TRAINING ETHIOPIANS
REACTIONARIES IN US UNIVERSITIES TO SUBVERT AND DES-
TROY NOT ONLY ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, BUT ALSO ETHIO-
PIAN NATION. LETTER SUGGESTS THAT "IF ETHIOPIA CAN

LEARN FROM HISTORY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NEUTRALIZE US BY BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (LIKE CUBA) OR KEEP-ING NUMBER OF AMERICANS (IN ETHIOPIA) TO A MINIMUM SO THAT THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COULD BE AVERTED. AT MOMENT, ANY ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL ONLY COMPRO-MISE OUR REVOLUTION IN EYES OF THE WORLD AND IT IS NOT WORTH IT."

2. SAME ISSUE REPORTED SPEECH BY DIRG MEMBER IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS, 2ND LT. LEGESSE ASFAW WHEREIN HE CHARGED THAT "EDU, ELF, AND EPRP HAVE FORMED A COMMON FRONT AND ARE FIGHTING MASSES UNDER HIGH PATRONAGE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIAL-ISM AND IN COLLUSION WITH CIA AND OTHER REACTIONARY FORCES." END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: LETTER TO EDITOR IS FIRST APPEARANCE IN GOVT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED PRESS OF ACTUAL CALL FOR EITHER BREAKING OF RELATIONS WITH US OR OF FURTHER REDUCING US PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA SINCE PRES CARTER'S JAN 12 STATEMENT. LETTER IS CON-SIDERABLY STRONGER THAN STATEMENT REPORTED REFTELS OF POSSIBILITY ETHIOPIA RECONSIDERING FRAMEWORK OF RELA-TIONS WITH US, BUT EMBASSY VIEWS THIS AS MORE OF WARN-ING OR THREAT AT THIS POINT RATHER THAN PROMISE. TWO REFERENCES TO CIA FIRST IN MEDIA FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS
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AND COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER ANTI-CIA CAM-PAIGN SIMILAR TO SPRING 1977. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DESPITE GREATLY INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN AGAINST EPRP PAST MONTH, WHOSE MEMBERS FOR-MERLY DISCREDITED AS CIA TOOLS AND PUPPETS, THERE HAS BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO CONNECT EPRP TO CIA.
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